

If present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these rollcall votes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAY GIUNTA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Ray Giunta for his compassionate support for families and victims in times of crisis.

Ray is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Church Association, has a Bachelor's Degree in social work from the California State University in Sacramento and a Bachelor's in Pastoral Studies from Borean University. Not too long after graduating, Ray co-founded We Care Ministries with fellow minister Jeff Jones. We Care Ministries is a nonprofit Christian social service organization that dedicates its time to helping individuals and communities cope with the trauma of crises, from slayings and accidental deaths to high-profile tragedies like hurricanes, school shootings, and terrorist attacks. Since its existence, approximately 15,000 people have been touched by the Crisis Intervention team with physical, emotional, and prayer support.

Most recently, Ray aided several displaced families of Hurricane Katrina by providing \$11,000 in rental fares for the bus that brought the evacuees from Gonzales, LA to Henderson, NV. His congregation also supplied the families with toiletries, cell phones, gift cards to department stores, and shelter in homes of church volunteers.

Ray has worked with a number of agencies, including FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association), the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. He has worked to provide relief at a number of different disaster sites, including: earthquakes in San Francisco; the Oklahoma City bombing; New York after 9/11; and several hurricane disaster areas in Florida and Louisiana. Ray also has counseled families and friends at school shootings in Texas and California as well as corporate mass shootings throughout the Nation.

When he isn't aiding distressed families and friends, he serves as the Encouragement Pastor at Central Christian Church in Las Vegas, NV, where he oversees a congregation of 8,000 members as well as the community outreach programs to the city. As pastor, he trains sympathetic, willing volunteers with the tools necessary to provide exceptional spiritual support for those in need.

Ray has received numerous awards for his compassionate care, including "Investigator of the Year" during his time as a criminal investigator. He also accepted the California Governor's "Heroes in Health Care" Award and the "Good Samaritan" Award from the American Red Cross. The California State Legislature also recognized him for his outstanding service in Oklahoma City and New York.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Reverend Ray Giunta for his generosity and selflessness to numerous people during some of the most tragic events in today's world. On behalf of the Las Vegas community, I thank him for his caring attitude and wish him luck in all of his future deeds.

HONORING DONNA PAOLETTI
PHILLIPS

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Donna Paoletti Phillips, my constituent, and one of three recipients of the first annual American Civic Education Teacher Award. This award honors teachers who have demonstrated a special expertise in teaching about the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Congress, and public policy at the state and local levels. It is one of the activities of the Alliance for Representative Democracy, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress.

Now in her eleventh year as an educator, Donna, a resident of Columbia, Maryland, teaches eighth grade at Robert Frost Middle Schools in Rockville. She has worked to make her classroom an incubator of democracy, believing that "the essence of civic education lies in the people the students become while in the care of our classrooms." She describes her teaching style as experiential, noting that civic education cannot be a "from the neck up" activity.

For 6 years, Donna has coordinated We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution, a simulated congressional hearing held annually at the Robert Frost Middle School. In that time, she has witnessed a profound change in the participating teachers as they moved from direct instruction to a more facilitative role in the students' education process. She has also observed the students' progress to more self-directed research and collaboration with their peers. For these reasons, Donna sees this program as a life-changing activity for those involved.

Throughout the school year, Donna's students are able to witness her collaboration with fellow faculty and her volunteer efforts in the community. She initiates discussions on global, national, local, and school-based events, and frequently questions the causes of injustices, inspiring her students to do the same.

Donna says that she is proud to have "the best kids in the country" in her class, and she considers it a wonderful opportunity to teach in the Washington Metropolitan Area, where Capitol Hill can be so easily accessed. I am very pleased that she is visiting my office today, and I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Donna Paoletti Phillips' accomplishments and congratulating her on receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, 2006, I was unable to cast a vote on H.R. 3858, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, rollcall vote No. 178. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the Chamber on September 25th to cast my vote on rollcalls 471, 472, and 473.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls 471 and 472, and "aye" on rollcall 473.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ESTHER FRIED

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Esther Fried, who passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Esther was born October 16, 1919 in Denver, Colorado and was raised in Denver and Salt Lake City. Moving to Las Vegas with her husband in 1959, they opened what would become a Las Vegas institution, Freeds Bakery. Launched in 1959, this bakery grew from a mom-and-pop operation into a world-renowned business. Having seven locations in the 1970s when Las Vegas' population was one-fifth what it is today, Freeds Bakery eventually was consolidated into one location. Under her leadership the bakery grew exponentially and gained widespread recognition. In 1996, Bon Appetit named Freeds Bakery one of the top 10 places to eat in Las Vegas. The bakery was also featured in the April 2002 edition of Martha Stewart Weddings magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Esther Fried. She will be dearly missed by the Las Vegas Community.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF CASEY COLEMAN DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Cleveland's Casey Coleman Day. Mr. Casey Coleman is a landmark in Cleveland radio broadcasting and sports-casting who has recently been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer with only months to live. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson has proclaimed September 26 as "Casey Coleman Day" to honor the distinguished Cleveland resident.

Mr. Coleman has been an acclaimed sports broadcaster for over 25 years and has been recognized by the Associated Press for "Best Regularly Scheduled Sports" and "Best Sports-caster" in the State of Ohio. While performing television broadcasting, Mr. Coleman received four Emmy Awards. Mr. Coleman also has the honor of being the field and locker room reporter for the Cleveland Browns for the past five consecutive years.

Casey Coleman Day will be more than just a title, as a ceremony will be held at Tower

City, and on September 27 there will be a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross in Mr. Coleman's name. The region-wide blood drive effort will help hundreds of lives in 57 different Ohio hospitals. Everyone who donates blood at a Red Cross site on September 27 will be able to write a personal message to Mr. Coleman. The day of celebration also marks the creation of "Casey's Fund," which will contribute all donations to help treat alcoholics and addicts as Mr. Coleman is a recovered alcoholic and his legacy will continue to aid in fighting addiction with the help of Recovery Resources.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join the city of Cleveland and myself in honoring and rejoicing over Mr. Casey Coleman's inspiring life, courage against cancer, and devotion to Cleveland. My thoughts go out to his wife and his six daughters during this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 25, 2006, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall No. 471: "no" (H.R. 5059, New Hampshire Wilderness Act); (2) rollcall No. 472: "no" (H.R. 5062, New Hampshire Wilderness Act); (3) rollcall No. 473: "yes" (H.R. 6102, Captain Christopher Petty Post Office Building).

NATIONAL ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an often overlooked group of Americans who have made great contributions to the health and safety of our Nation. Those who have made a career out of counseling individuals with alcohol and drug addictions deserve our recognition, respect, and gratitude, as we celebrate National Addiction Recovery Month this September. Furthermore, I would like to recognize that September 20th is National Addiction Counselor's Day.

Last year, over 19 million Americans used illicit drugs. Fifty-five million engaged in binge drinking, and over 16 million were considered heavy drinkers. These numbers are staggering. Imagine the entire populations of New York and Los Angeles as illicit drug users. Imagine if the entire population of Florida were heavy drinkers.

This is a prevalent problem.

The problem of addiction is not restricted to illicit, illegal drugs or products sold on the street. There are dangers in our homes and our medicine cabinets. Common household products, such as cough syrup, contain ingredients that can provide a high if taken in large enough doses.

According to research conducted by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, one in

10 teenagers, or 2.4 million young people, have intentionally abused cough medication to get high. Teens take excessively large amounts of over-the-counter cough medicine or abuse the main active ingredient in most cough syrups, dextromethorphan (DXM). DXM can be purchased over the Internet in bulk and is very dangerous when abused.

Since cough medicine is a necessity in every home with a child, we must take action to ensure our kids are protected from DXM abuse. First, parents need to talk to their children about the dangers of overdosing on DXM and cough syrup. Second, Congress needs to ensure that bulk amounts of DXM are not sold over the counter, or over the Internet, to entities not registered to do so with the FDA. I urge congressional leadership to bring legislation I introduced with Rep. FRED UPTON, H.R. 5280, the DXM Distribution Act of 2006, to the floor of the House for a vote.

The professionals who treat the destructive disease of addiction are a dedicated, knowledgeable group. Today there are hundreds of thousands of clean and sober individuals living happy, productive lives because a counselor was there and made the difference. Not only do these counselors assist in recovery, but in prevention and intervention as well. Addiction professionals are an essential cog in the health services machine. Through training and experience, addiction professionals can help turn a life around and often even save a life.

I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the invaluable contributions of addiction counselors. Congress has shown strong support for this issue in the past, yet we are far from victory. We must continue our steadfast fight against drug and alcohol addiction. The hard work of addiction professionals should be recognized, honored, and appreciated.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KIRK V. CLAUSEN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kirk V. Clausen for his leadership as the regional president of Nevada for Wells Fargo Bank.

Kirk has worked for Wells Fargo Bank in various capacities since he was 14 years old. In his childhood hometown of Sioux City, Iowa, Kirk worked for Norwest Bank, now Wells Fargo, delivering calendars and performing other odd jobs. During college, Kirk worked the night shift as a teller. By the time he graduated from college, Kirk was managing all three teller lines during all three shifts. Due to his adeptness, Kirk was asked to participate in the bank's management training program, and so began his bank management career. Today, Kirk is responsible for more than 11 Wells Fargo banks across Nevada.

Despite demands on his time, Kirk is also very active in the community and has served on numerous community boards, including the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, EDAWN.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Kirk V. Clausen. His combination of professional success and community activism is exemplary. I

applaud his efforts and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

J.S. HOLLIDAY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, our Nation and especially our great State of California, lost part of our soul last week.

Thousands of historians have written about American history, but it took J.S. Holliday to analyze, understand, define and describe the monumental effect on our State and Nation of the California Gold Rush.

In authoring the two classic histories about the Gold Rush—*The World Rushed In* (1981) followed by *Rush to Riches* (1999)—Jim Holliday captured the spirit, the human face and the meaning of what he defined as the seminal event that changed the American West and indeed all of America. He described recklessness, entrepreneurship, resourcefulness, greed, speculation, ambition and thrill, and how gold abolished all the old rules. He explained dry diggers and long toms and sluice boxes and ditching and tailing, and he opened our eyes to life on the Yuba River and Sutter's Mill and Marysville. His meticulous research exposed the life of the miner and through him, the culture of the time and the impact of it all on us, as Californians and Americans.

Beyond being a great historian and a great writer, Jim Holliday was a great friend. The decibel level of his voice was not the only thing that ensured he was a presence in the room; his laughter, his warmth, his passion to learn and capacity to listen, and his sheer brainpower, made him the center of gravity in any setting. He was as irrepressible and dynamic as they come.

On behalf of the members of the California delegation—both those who knew him personally and those who knew only his work—I send condolences to all members of his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that obituaries from the San Francisco Chronicle of September 2 and the Carmel Pine Cone of September 8 be printed in the RECORD.

[From the San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 2, 2006]

J.S. HOLLIDAY: 1924-2006

(By Carl Nolte)

J.S. Holliday, one of the most eminent historians of California and the West, died at his home in Carmel on Thursday at the age of 82. He had been suffering from pulmonary fibrosis.

Holliday was the author of "The World Rushed In," a history of the California Gold Rush that was a best-seller when it was published in 1981; it went through 13 printings, and a new edition was reissued recently by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Kevin Starr, another noted historian of the West, called "The World Rushed In" "a classic."

If it were only for the one book, Holliday's reputation as a historian would be secure, but he was also the founding director of the Oakland Museum of California and executive director emeritus of the California Historical Society, taught history at San Francisco State University, and served for a time as assistant director of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley.